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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)  
THROUGH: Acting Chief, DPD  
SUBJECT: Transmittal of ARGON Program Approval

1. This memorandum contains for your concurrence alternative recommendations set forth in paragraph 4.

2. Attached is the ARGON Program Approval prepared for your signature. Although the cost estimates will be further sharpened by negotiations with the contractors which will continue for the next week or two, we believe that the figures submitted are within 10% of the final estimates.

3. This Approval is submitted now to permit the contracting officer to commit (from the [redacted] which ARPA has transferred) [redacted] to LMSD and [redacted] to Autometrics. The contracting officer has been repeatedly requested by ARPA and by the contractors to provide this 30 - 60 day coverage.

4. It is recommended that

a. The attached Program Approval be approved.

b. If for any reason the entire ARGON Program cannot be approved at this time, approval of the attached Program be given at a minimum to the commitment of [redacted] to LMSD and [redacted] to Autometrics.

[redacted]  
Chief, Development Branch  
DPD

Attachment: ARG-0030

RECOMMENDATION 4.b. APPROVED:

*SIGNATURE NOT NECESSARY*

*— PROGRAM APPROVAL SIGNED 9/1/59*

Deputy Director (Plans)

NRO review(s) completed.

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